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FOR DR. HENRY KISSINGER FROM BUNKER

I have just had brought to my attention today's AP bulletin by George Esper reporting the curtailment of bombing of North Vietnam. I have discussed this leak with Fred Weyand who is aware of the importance you and the President have attached to maintaining a very high degree of security with regard to the cessation of bombing. While the story is close to the mark, Fred believes that Esper construed the story on the basis of information he has picked up on the reduction in the number of strikes south of the twentieth parallel in the last three days as he alludes to curtailment rather than cessation. Orders are going out on the cessation of bombing and it is not unlikely that there may be a slip in the next few hours as maintaining secrecy once operational orders have been given is very difficult.

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